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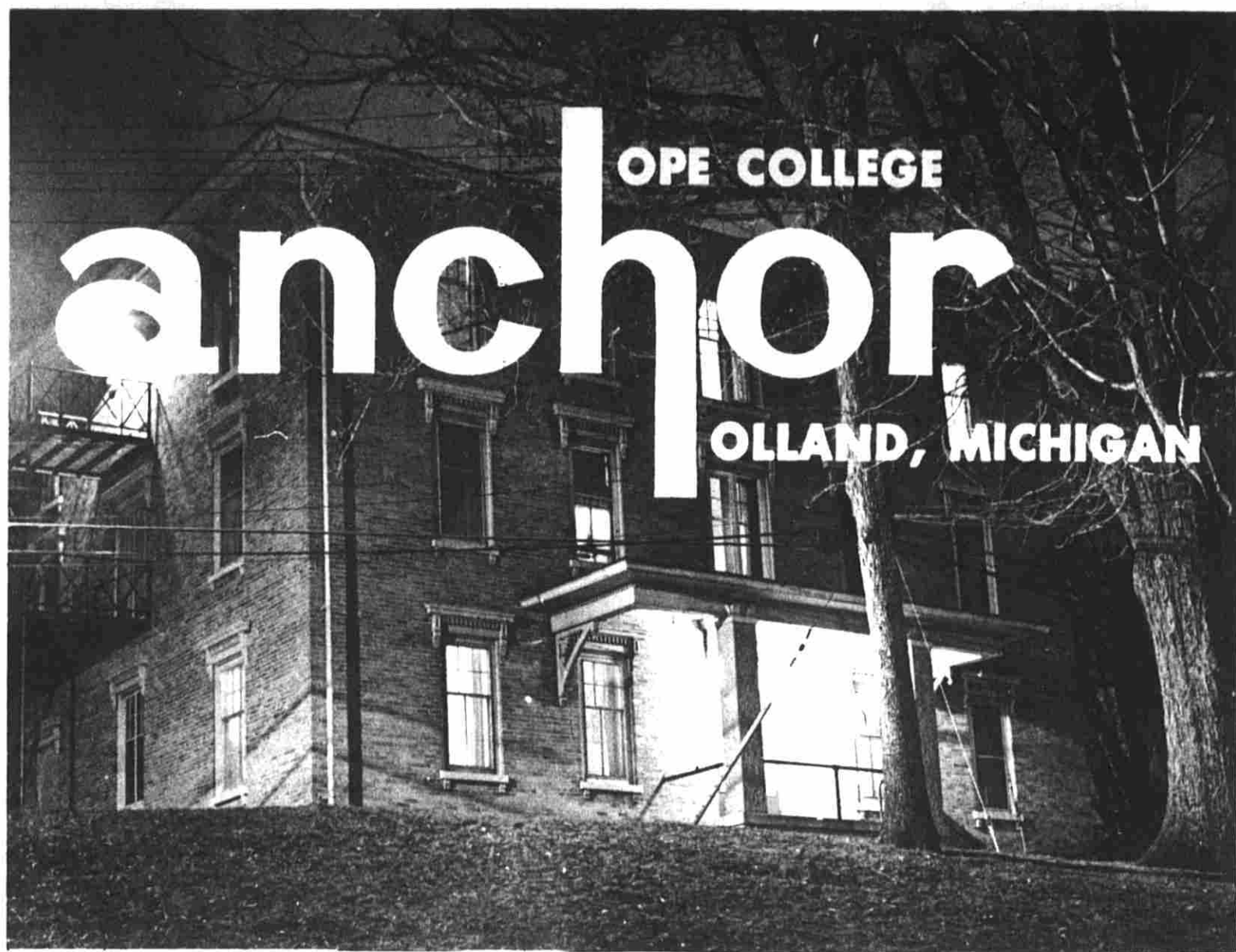
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Three Obstacles

Student Center Still Delayed

By Glenn Looman
anchor News Editor

In an interview in the October 21, 1966 issue of the *anchor* President Calvin A. VanderWerf said that it might be possible for ground to be broken for the SCSC before June, 1967. It is now December, 1967 and ground has yet to be overturned.

ACCORDING TO President VanderWerf certain circumstances have changed and construction will have to be delayed.

He sees the first stumbling block as being the rising cost of the project. When the idea of a student cultural center first made its appearance on Hope's campus in September, 1964, the project was projected to cost \$1.5 million. In October of 1966 the total cost of the project was raised to \$2 million.

Dr. VanderWerf now sees the construction as costing approximately \$2.25 million. This, he said, was due to rising cost of construction.

A SECOND MAJOR question is whether or not the Capital Funds Drive of the RCA, which was begun last year, will reach

its projected goal of \$6 million. Of this \$6 million Hope was to receive \$2 million for the construction of the student center and the addition to the music building. At the present time the total number of pledges in the campaign are slightly under \$5 million.

Central Reformed Church of Grand Rapids earmarked \$75,000 of its contribution to the fund drive for the construction of Dykstra Hall. This must be subtracted from the total available for the student center, according to Dr. VanderWerf.

The final question concerning the construction of the student center is the future location of the art department and its effect on the \$400,000 grant from the federal government. Dr. VanderWerf sees the possibility that the size of the grant may be reduced. The reason for this he said, was that the grant was based on the portion of the proposed center to be used for instructional purposes and it is not certain now that the SCSC will house the art department.

IN ADDITION, according to the stipulations of the federal grant, the money must be used by January 1, 1969. If construction

is not begun by then according to Dr. VanderWerf, the College will lose the loan.

Despite these hold-ups, Craig Holleman, President of the Student Senate and a member of the student planning committee for the SCSC, said that construction could begin immediately if funds were made available.

Bob Thompson, another member of the committee, stated that the revised blue prints have been received from the architect. According to Thompson, the new blue print is drawn with the exclusion of the art department. Because of this the bowling alleys and the large multi-purpose room has been included again and the student recreation area and the snack bar have been enlarged.

WITH THE EXCLUSION of the art department the question of the federal grant takes on a new perspective. Thompson said that the federal grant could still be retained if the multi-purpose rooms in the proposed SCSC were used 50 percent of the time for educational purposes. Making this possible is the major concern of the committee at this time.

Slater Questions Criticism

Saga Food Service to Bring New Programs to Hope

By George Arwady
anchor Associate Editor

Saga Food Service, which will offer the College a variety of new services, will replace Slater Food Service over the Christmas vacation. As the new company takes over, Slater leaves questioning whether all the criticism aimed at it was justified.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST change which Saga will bring will be the opportunity for non-boarding students to purchase single meals in the college dining halls. "Students eating off campus will just pay the going rate per meal," said Robert De Young, Dean of Students.

Other new programs of Saga would involve the extension of the hours of the Kletz. The coffee shop would come under complete jurisdiction of the new company. Dean De Young said that other entirely new food services will be offered, but said that these can not be announced at the present time.

ELDON ANKRUM, manager of the college Slater operation, questioned much of the criticism which has been leveled at his company's service. He said that the quality and variety of food offered by Slater was higher this year than ever before.

"I do not feel the food is the reason for the change," he said.

"If it was the food, we wouldn't have the number of students eating here that we have."

As far as promoting a sense of college community, Mr. Ankrum said that his company had tried to do everything it could to serve the College. "We bend over backwards as far as the campus is concerned," he said.

IN A STATEMENT appearing in last week's *anchor*, the Administration praised the "constructive, responsible and statesmanlike action of the Student Senate" in evaluating the Slater Service and offering suggestions. President Calvin A. VanderWerf especially noted the work of the Senate dining hall committee of last spring.

Mr. Ankrum claimed that he had had no cooperation with the Senate committee this year and had been unable to arrange a meeting with the committee to discuss ways to improve the food service. "I was the one who had to take a survey to find what the students wanted," he said.

CLARENCE HANDLOGTEN, Business Manager and Dean De Young agreed that the statement last week had not considered the Senate's lack of action this semester. "To my knowledge, the committee has not met formally this year," said the Dean.

"They were quite elusive," added Mr. Handlogten. "We weren't

really square with Slater on this."

Student Senate President Craig Holleman said that the committee had done nothing with the food service this year.

"I DON'T THINK the food was really that bad," said Dean De Young. "It got to be popular to criticize it and although we don't do things just because students complain, we couldn't ignore the fact."

Mr. Handlogten put down much of the problem with Slater just with a lack of "sparkle" in many aspects of the operation.

President VanderWerf said that "it was a disappointment to us that so few juniors and seniors eat on." He said that there were "universally enthusiastic reports on Saga" at the other colleges contacted. Many GLCA and MIAA schools use Saga. Both Saga and Slater are nationwide organizations.

The President said that he hoped more students would eat on campus with the new food service. He observed that "there comes a time when you must say what is in the best interest of the College and students."

SAGA IS EXPECTED to cost the College more than Slater did, according to Mr. Handlogten, but the President said that "we're hoping it will be a financial stand-off."

Exact figures on the cost per meal of the two services were im-

Letter to Integrated Coeds Will Be Halted

By Tom Hildebrandt
anchor editor

The letter that has been sent to Hope women being considered for roommates of women of other cultures will not be sent out in the future, according to President Calvin A. VanderWerf.

In announcing this, President VanderWerf said that "the letter was certainly sent out of constructive motives, but had undesirable overtones."

ACCORDING TO Dean of Women Isla Van Eenenaam, whose office sent the letter, they were sent to "spare the feelings of any women of another culture who might otherwise be placed with a student who does not want to room with a person of a different background."

For the past three weeks, the Student Senate has been debating this letter and other practices described by the group as "discriminatory."

woman in which the woman tries to describe her personality characteristics. Those indicating an interest in other cultures in some way, such as plans to enter the Peace Corps or an interest in international relations, are sent a letter asking them if they would like to broaden their horizons by rooming with a student from another culture.

DEAN VAN EENANAAM noted that the letter is sent to those who might room with overseas students as well as negro students. She added that this has been done as long as she has been Dean of Women and that she has received no reaction about it until the recent Senate debate.

The Dean said that it never occurred to her to send a similar letter to the negro and overseas students until a recipient of the

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Viet Referendum, Faculty Forum Are Next Week

The issues of the draft and the war in Vietnam will become animated at Hope next week with a student referendum and a faculty forum discussing the war in Vietnam.

The faculty forum will be held next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Snow Auditorium and the referendum will be held on Friday.

The referendum is to be held in cooperation with the National Student Association and will, with similar referendums at other colleges and universities determine NSA policy on the subject. Balloting will take place all day Friday in the Van Raalte lobby.

Two resolutions are to be voted on. The first, dealing with the war in Vietnam, proposes immediate cessation of bombing in North and South Vietnam, termination of offensive military operations and recognition of the National Liberation Front.

The second resolution is concerned with the draft and advocates the immediate abolition of the present selective service system. The resolution opposes any system of forced service to the government.

The panel of faculty members will include Harold Mikle, Dr. John Barlow and Dr. David Clark.



SLATER TO SAGA -- As of Jan. 1, Slater Food Service will no longer be feeding the students at Hope. Saga Food Service Inc. of Michigan, who will replace Slater's, plans on many new innovations in the school's food program.

Women Suppressed

Mr. Clean Ignores Men's Dorms

By Pat Canfield

The double-standard problem on Hope's campus has been hashed, rehearsed and occasionally even talked out of existence. However, there is one area, almost always ignored, in which a real double-standard problem exists -- the matter of housekeeping.

Hope women find they must forfeit valuable time from their study and social activities to make their rooms spic and span for the weekly surprise room inspection. Men, on the other hand, only have two or three yearly room inspections which are announced one month ahead via bulletin boards. One day before, male R.A.s personally visit each student's room, gently reminding them again of the impending inspection and even aiding in the limited clean-up activities.

WOMEN RECEIVE an impressive and formidable inspection slip with the appropriate grade and comment checked: A--room neat and orderly; B--could be better; C--your room hurts but the beds are made and F--your room is neat and orderly but the beds aren't made (For pluses add .3;

for minuses subtract .3). Each F in room inspection accumulates a demerit for the girls.

The infrequent room inspections given to Hope men are not graded because, as one second-floor Kollen R.A. said, "We want our boys to be motivated by success, not failure." Hand-written comments may be left in the rooms but these must contain only encouraging remarks such as, "Your room was a treat to inspect. Thank you for considerately shoving your overflowing ashtrays, empty and half-empty bottles into the closet before I inspected. Love, your R.A."

BEFORE HOMECOMING or Parents Weekend Open Houses, girls are subjected to special pass-fail room inspections. Housemothers, wearing white gloves, scrutinize each room carefully, checking for the least smidgen of dust. (During the inspection tour, coeds remain at attention, answering yes ma'am or no ma'am when spoken to by the housemother.) Any girl failing one of these inspections receives five demerits, wears a "I was a Pig at the House of Voorhees" (or the

appropriate dorm) and must submit to other unspeakable tortures.

For open-houses in men's dorms, it is the visitors who suffer. Any visitor caught saying nasty things about room conditions is apprehended and swiftly removed from the premises. Some comments overheard at a recent Kollen Hall open-house: (visitor pointing to layer of dust on floor) "Gee, I didn't know you had wall-to-wall carpeting." "Look, it only takes three tries to shut your closet door." "Son, I think you ought to borrow a shovel from the kids across the hall and clean your room."

ALTHOUGH THE housekeeping requirements for male and female Hope students are lopsided, there is a valid rationale behind the double-standard. As reported by the Dean of Men, "Actually, since men on campus have no hours, they are not in their rooms enough to mess them up."

New Course Seen

Mock Convention Set For March

The political science department has announced an all-day conference on the Presidential nominating system in the United States. Over 500 western Michigan high school students will attend the program on Thursday, March 28.

The conference will center around a mock nominating convention, in which students will actually elect a convention chairman, secretary and other officials, and then nominate a candidate for President and Vice-President.

Political science majors and other Hope students with an active interest in political science will serve to answer questions and present ideas at the convention. The organizational set-up will follow that of the Republican Party,

and each high school will represent a state of the union and will have the same number of votes as that state has at the Republican convention.

THE MORNING SESSION will feature as keynote speaker, U.S. Congressman Guy VanderJagt. The rest of the morning will be devoted to adoption of the party platform and caucusing.

In the afternoon, students will formally nominate and second candidates for President of the United States. Brief speeches by each candidate will be permitted, and balloting will be held in the same manner as at the national convention.

Political science department chairman Alvin Vander Bush al-

so announced a special three-hour seminar in the presidential nominating process to be offered during the summer of 1968 at Hope. Since 1968 is a presidential nomination and election year, the department hopes to take advantage of the convention periods for actual involvement in the Republican national convention.

STUDENTS IN the seminar program will make a study of pre-convention politics, the organization of finance of nominating conventions, and then travel to Miami for the GOP convention. They will talk with delegates and evaluate the delegate's attitudes towards their role in and the significance of the national convention.

They will participate in caucuses, attend convention committee meetings and assess the convention atmosphere.

At the beginning of the fall semester each student will present a journal with a description of the convention activities, as well as his research and judgments concerning the nominating process.

Vandenberg is Named as New Admissions Rep.

William Vandenberg has been appointed Hope College's Eastern Admissions Representative. In the near future he will move to New Jersey where he will handle public relations and act as admissions counsellor for the area.

Vandenberg graduated from Hope and holds a degree in business administration and in secondary education. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for three years and has taught at Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids.

Letter to White Girls Arouses Senate Debate

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letter "kindly suggested" the idea to her early this fall.

Freshman Lorraine Price, a negro, reported that she and Senator Shirley Lawrence had talked with President VanderWerf about the letter late in October. At that time the President gave assurances that the letter would not be sent out in the future.

AWS PRESIDENT Carol Schakel said that the fact that this letter had been sent was presented to her for action by the AWS shortly before the question

came up in the Student Senate. She said that, having learned that it had already been acted upon by the Administration, she forgot the matter.

Pederson reported that his committee could not find any evidence of discrimination on Hope's campus, past or present, other than this letter. He said that the rationale for the motion is that having something on paper would be useful to the College in the future and that there was a definite need for such a policy statement.

Kooi added that, although he had not seen a copy of the letter before he presented his motion to the Senate, he felt that there was a need to have this policy written down. This would avoid having individual problems solved as they arise, with nothing to prevent them from occurring in the first place.

MISS PRICE observed that, while the Senate was considering the motion, a large majority of the negro students on campus held a meeting to determine how the negro students themselves felt on the question. Only one of the more than twenty students present objected to the Senate motion.

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College Church Sponsors "Coffee House" Sunday

This Sunday at 11 a.m. the Hope College Church is sponsoring a "coffee house" worship service in the Kletz.

According to Ken Nienhuis, member of the planning committee, "The service is designed for people who want to experience a different type of religious atmosphere for worship than is found in the chapel." According to Nienhuis this is also the reason it is being held at the same time as the College Church service.

Speaking at this week's "coffee house" house service will be Eddie Gist, a sophomore from New York City. Gist will speak on the subject of "Sensitivity." Following his talk, discussion will be held over donuts and coffee.

Nienhuis said that the idea of the coffee house was obtained from a similar type of worship service held at The Church of the Savior in Washington D.C.

In commenting on this experiment, Chaplain Hillegonds said, "If this is just a gimmick we should get rid of it immediately. But it should prove to be an enlightening approach to worship."

Dress is informal, according to Nienhuis, and a similar meeting is being planned for the following Sunday.



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Hits Discrimination

Senate Proposes Amendment

A proposed amendment to the Senate constitution, a resolution concerning discrimination on Hope's campus and a new procedure under which resolutions must be presented to the Senate one week in advance of their discussion were passed at the Student Senate meeting Monday night.

Zaide Pixley presented a proposed amendment to the constitution stating, "Any student already prosecuted by state or municipal authorities cannot also be penalized by the Student Court for the same offense unless said offense occurs on college property or at a specific college function. The Court maintains the right to interview the student. If state or municipal authorities decide not to act and release the student to the school for discipline, the Court may assume original jurisdiction."

THIS AMENDMENT is an attempt to remove the possibility of a student being placed in double jeopardy. The Senate passed the proposal with the necessary two-thirds vote. The proposal will be brought before the entire student body. In order to become a part of the constitution, two-thirds of the students voting must approve it.

Al Pederson, representing the national and social awareness committee, presented a proposal which will put into writing the position of the Senate concerning racial discrimination at Hope.

The proposal states "The Student Senate requests that a binding policy statement be issued by the proper officials and by the proper student-faculty and/or faculty committee prohibiting discrimination of any sort on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin. Specifically these

should not be considered as criteria for admission to the college, for admission to housing units, or for selection of roommates."

IN ADDITION, "The Senate commends the usage of the new application for admission in which there is no mention of race or color. We further commend the order by the President that the letters of 'Request for roommate of another culture and race' be discontinued."

Shirley Lawrence asked the Senators to consider how this proposal would help Negro students on campus. She asked them to carefully consider the issue before voting and to keep it as unemotional as possible.

Claudine Moore pointed out that Negro students are looking for something written down. Both motions passed the Senate.

President Craig Holleman informed Senators that any resolution must be presented a week in advance of its discussion. If this is impossible, it may be brought before the executive committee during the week or receive a two-thirds vote of the Senate and be discussed immediately.

Mark Vander Laan, speaking for the Cultural Affairs Committee presented several possible events for next semester. Tickets for the Simon and Garfunkel Concert will only be available in a block, he said. It is hoped, he reported, that there will be a conference next semester including speakers Dick Gregory and Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanaugh. The committee is also looking into plans for having Pete Seeger on campus next spring.

PETE SMITH reported that the Senate educational policies committee would like a poll taken on the calendar changes suggested for semester break and pre-exam

breaks. He asked for a poll that would deal with the importance of mid-term grades.

Barb Timmer said that, "the Senate has given the committee enough valid reasons without taking a poll." Smith replied that the additional information would be helpful in reaching a decision.

The athletics committee has asked that the Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium be opened all hours of the day. This motion will be brought up at the next meeting.

DICK KOOL reminded Senators of the National Student Association referendum on the war in Vietnam and the draft. The referendum will be held this weekend.

Barb Timmer asked the Senate food service committee to establish closer links with the new food service than existed with Slater food service so that the Senate will be informed.

Registration Planning Is Altered for Next Term

The advising and registration procedure for next semester is being conducted in a revised manner.

Students are conferring with their faculty advisors at the present time. As each schedule is completed, the faculty member takes a copy and is responsible for turning it in.

Mark Santiago is Victor in Frosh Speech Contest

Freshman J. Mark Santiago, won first place honors in the fall semester William J. Meengs Speech Contest.

The contest, sponsored by Holland businessman William J. Meengs, was between representatives from the 15 sections of the College's fundamentals of speech course. Competition is held each semester.

Second place in the competition was won by Lorraine T. Price, also a freshman.

Students participating in the contest were Nancy Cogdill, Jennifer Kastner, Debbie Moore, Patti Smith, William Welty, Sharon Willard, Craig Neckers, Judy Overbeek, Richard Patmos, Jon Smoker and Doug Westveer.

Judges in preliminary rounds were Dr. William Schrier, M. Harold Mickle, Donald Finn and George Ralph of the Hope speech faculty and students Sharon Wozniak and Al Verschure who are both speech majors.

In the final round the judges were Dr. William H. Bos, chairman of the department of speech Dr. Edward Brand of the English department, John Stewart of the history department and college Chaplain Rev. William Hillegonds.

Blue Ribbon Committee To Study Religious Life

By Peg Yntema
anchor Reporter

A few weeks ago, Chaplain William C. Hillegonds made a proposal concerning chapel that would require freshmen to attend twice a week, sophomores once a week and would leave upperclassmen free to make their own decision concerning chapel attendance.

As a result of this and of faculty approval of the proposal allowing exemption on grounds of conscientious objection, President Calvin A. VanderWerf has appointed a committee to study the spiritual life on campus from the standpoint of the aims and goals of the college. Invitations for membership were sent out Monday to selected student and faculty representatives.

Several College Trustees, two area churchmen, and members

of the Administration are also on this committee which is headed by Hugh De Pree, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The membership of this committee is diverse, according to Dr. VanderWerf, because "the time has come when we can best gain real understanding and mutuality on the whole question by open dialogue between representatives from each constituency of the college community."

The question under discussion is not confined to the merits of compulsory chapel, but is a broad look at how we can utilize our resources to help students develop a meaningful spiritual life.

However, according to William Vander Lugt, Dean for Academic Affairs at the college, "Chaplain Hillegonds' proposal will not go into effect this year because the Board of Trustees voted to retain compulsory chapel last June. Their next meeting is again in June, and since the final decision rests with them, it won't be possible to have any change before next year."

Little Theater Scene of Upstairs Basement Friday

The Palette and Masque of Hope College will put on a program called "Basement Upstairs" next Friday at 8 p.m. The entire student body is invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.

The program will consist of a two-man review presented by George Ralph and Donn Finn of the speech department along with various other skits.

According to Mr. Ralph, most of the material for the program is original but some of it is borrowed.

The "Basement Upstairs," which is put on every month will have a humorous note this month, according to Mr. Ralph.

Also featured will be a parody on a Shakespearean play and a parody on a Greek tragedy.

Combined Choirs Present 'Messiah' Thursday Night

The thirty-seventh performance of George Fredrick Handel's "Messiah" will take place next Thursday at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Symphonette To Present Concert With Hope Band

A concert will be presented jointly by the Hope College Symphonette and Band, both under the direction of Robert Cecil, on Sunday at 4 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The symphonette will begin the concert with "Symphony No. 26" by W. A. Mozart, "Elegy for Small Orchestra" by Alvin Eder, the "Rumanian Folk Dances" by Bela Bartok.

After intermission, the band will present "Concerto in B Flat Major for Two Trumpets" by Antonio Vivaldi, which was transcribed for band by Philip J. Lang. This selection will be followed by "Variations on a Korean Folk Song," composed by John Barnes Chance. The program will be concluded with scenes from "The Louvre" (based on Ancient Airs) by Norman Dello Joio.

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anchor editorial

On Sound and Fury

A NUMBER OF STORIES appearing in this issue point to a trend that has or should become disturbing to the students of Hope College. As the year progresses, it is becoming increasingly evident that the Student Senate is not doing its job as the voice for the student body on this campus.

For three weeks, the Senate has been debating whether or not to ask for a policy statement prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin in all phases of campus life. The impetus for this discussion was a letter sent by the office of the Dean of Women to students who might room with women of other cultures.

This debate can only be seen as an illustration of the Senate falling down on the job. It is completely out of touch with the realities of this campus and for a number of reasons should never have been brought up in the way it was.

First, the participants in the discussion exhibited a total ignorance of the facts of the situation. The original motion, proposed by Senator Dick Kooi, indicates that he was not aware that assurances had already been given that the letter would not again be sent, since it asked that the letter be discontinued. Kooi himself admits to never having taken the time to read a copy of the letter and thus become informed first hand about the subject.

Second, the entire affair is a total waste of time. Al Pederson and Kooi acknowledge that there is not now nor ever has been a practice that could be called discriminatory except this letter. To ask for something written to avoid future difficulties is an expression of doubt about the College's persistence in the Christian principles on which it is founded. With faith in our standing by these principles, we can only see the motion as totally unnecessary.

THIRD, IT SHOWED a wanton disregard for the feelings of the Dean of Women. The letter in question was obviously sent out of absolutely benevolent motives, if somewhat misguided.

ed ones. Bringing the situation out in the open weeks after it had been settled was nothing but embarrassing and constituted a lack of diplomacy that would not be tolerated in any other area of campus government.

The superfluity of the motion is especially tragic when it is realized that the time taken for debate could have been well used for other things.

Both Director of Business Affairs Clarence Handlogten and Food Service Director Eldon Ankrum have indicated that the Senate has not been especially effective in communicating the wishes of the student body to the Slater organization. It was difficult to get the proper committee to meet, let alone to have it accomplish something constructive.

This is a breach of a trust. Senators were elected to improve the student life at Hope College. Debating a closed issue instead of seeking to improve services to students does not seem to be the most effective step to reach that goal. Motions to improve this in the future do not blot out past negligence.

The Kletz, for the past two years open at the request of the Student Senate President, has remained closed this year. The Administration has promised that consultation on the subject will take place, but present President Craig Holleman has yet to indicate that these talks are even planned.

OTHER EXAMPLES of oversights can be found. The Hope-Holland-Hamlet drive awoke from an unusually prolonged sleep only recently. No report on the status of the proposal to gain a break before or after final exams has been given.

This situation cannot be allowed to continue. The students of this college elected the Senators for a purpose and spend money to have them accomplish something. A successful Homecoming or Mom and Dad's Day is not sufficient.

Strides in the past show that there is important work that must be done by the Senate. Hopefully, the question of why the Senate is not doing that work will not have to be answered or asked in the near future.

Readers Speak Out

Dear Editor . . .

In order to avoid any misunderstanding, I should like to point out that the assessment of various academic departments reported on the front page of the anchor of last week was discussed on a quantitative, and not on a qualitative, basis.

Much of the most inspired and inspiring teaching on the campus has been and is being conducted in the departments mentioned. Students recognized this officially by voting Professor Vanderbush the recipient of the first annual H.O.P.E. award for distinguished teaching and by nominating Dr. Dykstra and Dr. Kenneth Weller for this high honor every year since its inception.

CERTAINLY THESE men are among the very finest teachers on our campus. To study under them, and other members of the departments mentioned, is a rich intellectual and personal experience. Graduate majors from their departments have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professions and have made highly successful records in leading graduates schools in our nation. In addition, these teachers have made significant contributions to campus life and the welfare of students far transcending departmental lines.

The discussion arose out of the charge that certain departments are understaffed relative to others; the point is that the administration clearly recognizes this quantitative imbalance and is working earnestly with the departments involved in an effort to correct it.

LAST YEAR, the departments of business administration and economics, philosophy, political science, and sociology were all engaged in joint efforts with the administration to add additional staff members. For at least one opening in each of the four departments, we were unable, despite our best efforts, to hire a permanent, full-time teacher who met our qualifications.

As a result, each of the departments is understaffed with respect to permanent staff members. In order to fill the breach, fine temporary or part-time teachers were hired, or the teaching was distributed over the existing staff. Still, the work load (includ-

ing teaching, academic advising, committee assignments, and other services to the college) of a majority of the members of these departments is excessive.

The point which I wished to make was that the administration clearly recognizes this fact and should and will give top priority to these and any similarly understaffed departments in the hiring of permanent faculty members for the future.

C.A. VanderWerf

Just a bit of "filling" for some gaps in your story involving sociology last week.

Excellence should ever be striven for and will never be fully attained. We are striving in sociology. Results? Last year Hope had the only sociology student in the state of Michigan as a Michigan Scholar. Calvin, Albion, Kalamazoo, Alma, which are the only other schools involved in this program with the University of Michigan, had none. This year we have another sociology Michigan Scholar. This is excellence of a kind.

NEXT FALL WE will send three majors to graduate school in sociology - the largest number in Hope's history, I believe. Five more of the seniors will go to graduate school in social work. This is another "first." Two more are seminary bound. Ten to graduate school out of 18 seniors isn't a bad percentage. Perhaps this too is excellence - maybe the best percentage in the college.

Part of the preparation of Jim Skivington for graduate school is his teaching the introductory 'ab course with Pat Behrens, another graduate school bound sociologist under the guidance of a faculty staff member. Jim wasn't recruited because of a shortage. This course was planned during the summer with the help of an Administrative summer grant. It was laid out in staff meetings some of which involved the two student assistants. Here we are striving for excellence in training seniors much like lab assistants are used in biology, chemistry, philosophy discussion groups, etc.

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Art Buchwald

Life on Earth?



There was great excitement on the planet of Venus this week. For the first time Venusian scientists managed to land a satellite on the planet Earth, and it has been sending back signals as well as photographs ever since.

The satellite was directed into an area known as Manhattan (named after the great Venusian astronomer Prof. Manhattan, who first discovered it with his telescope 200,000 light years ago).

BECAUSE OF excellent weather conditions and extremely strong signals, Venusian scientists were able to get valuable information as to the feasibility of a manned flying saucer landing on Earth. A press conference was held at the Venus Institute of Technology.

"We have come to the conclusion, based on last week's satellite landing," Prof. Zog said, "that there is no life on Earth."

"How do you know this?" the science reporter of the Venus Evening Star asked.

"FOR ONE THING" Earth's surface in the area of Manhattan is composed of solid concrete and nothing can grow there. For another, the atmosphere is filled with carbon monoxide and other deadly gases and nobody could possibly breathe this air and survive."

"What does this mean as far as our flying saucer program is concerned?"

"We shall have to take our own oxygen with us, which means a much heavier flying saucer than we originally planned."

"ARE THERE any other hazards that you discovered in your studies?"

"Take a look at this photo. You see this dark black cloud hovering over the

surface of Earth? We call this the Consolidated Edison Belt. We don't know what it is made of, but it could give us a lot of trouble and we shall have to make further tests before we send a Venus Being there.

"Over here you will notice what seems to be a river, but the satellite findings indicate it is polluted and the water is unfit to drink. This means we shall have to carry our own water which will add even greater weight to the saucer."

"SIR, WHAT ARE all those tiny black spots on the photographs?"

"We're not certain. They seem to be metal particles that move along certain paths. They emit gases, make noise and keep crashing into each other. There are so many of these paths and so many metal particles that it is impossible to land a flying saucer without being smashed by one."

"What are those stalagmite projections sticking up?"

"They're some type of granite formations that give off light at night. Prof. Glom has named them skyscrapers since they seem to be scraping the skies."

"IF ALL YOU say is true, won't this set back the flying saucer program several years?"

"Yes, but we shall proceed as soon as the Grubstart gives us the added funds."

"Prof. Zog, why are we spending billions and billions of zilches to land a flying saucer on Earth when there is no life there?"

"Because if we Venusians can learn to breathe in an Earth atmosphere, then we can live anywhere."

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A Critical Preview

The 'Messiah:' A Look at a Legend

Editor's Note: This week senior music major Scot Cutting writes a critical preview of the performance of George Frederic Handel's "Messiah," to be given by the Hope College Messiah Chorus and Orchestra in Dimmick Memorial Chapel next Thursday, under the direction of Dr. Robert W. Cavanaugh.

By Scot Cutting

Ludwig von Beethoven once said of George Frederic Handel: "To him I bend the knee. For Handel is the greatest, ablest composer that ever lived." Beethoven's high praise must surely be the result of his hearing a performance of the "Messiah." That the "Messiah" should elicit such high praise from a composer of Beethoven's stature is of no surprise, for the "Messiah" is the consummation of Handel's skill and artistry as a musician.

HANDEL WAS BORN on February 23, 1685 (the same year as Johann Sebastian Bach), in Halle, England; he died on Holy Saturday, April 14, 1759, in London. He was a child prodigy on both the organ and the harpsichord even though his eventual fame evolved out of his skill as a composer. Unlike Bach, his abilities were recognized during his lifetime and his name was known across the continent of Europe.

When he was in his fifties he suddenly realized that he had reached the zenith of his abilities as an opera composer. It was this realization that led Handel to another sphere of composition in which he received even greater triumphs than he had in the field of opera: the oratorio. The crowning achievement of his work in oratorio is, of course, the "Messiah," the living legend.

ONE MUST CALL it a legend for there is a great deal of uncertainty concerning the actual circumstances of its composition and initial performances. Unfortu-

nately, much of this uncertainty is the result of both tradition and changing times. Well meaning and/or ego-centric conductors and performers have introduced innovations and changes in the name of "taste" while at the same time retaining some of the more inane tradition.

"Messiah" was written in 23, 24, 26, or 28 days, depending on which source one consults. The first performance was given on April 13 (notice the month, please!), 1742, in Dublin, Ireland. Due to Handel's fame and popularity, the house was sold out and the performance was a great success.

On March 23, 1743, the "Messiah" was first performed in London. King George II was present and according to tradition he was so moved by the "Hallelujah Chorus" that he rose to his feet. The audience, seeing the King rise, also had to rise.

HOWEVER, THERE are other equally valid (or invalid, depending on one's preference) accounts concerning the reasons for the audience rising to its feet. One is that King George II, arriving late, had just entered the concert hall. Another (and my favorite) is that the King, right at the start of the Chorus, excused himself to visit the water closet and his loyal subjects dutifully rose to their feet. Some authorities discount the idea the King was musically and spiritually moved by suggesting that he was a musical illiterate and also tone deaf.

Next Thursday the "Hope College Messiah Chorus and Orchestra" under the direction of Dr. Robert W. Cavanaugh will present its version of the "Messiah." Roger Davis will be the organist and Robert Ritsema will be the associate conductor. Joyce Morrison will sing the soprano solos and Evelyn Reynolds will sing contralto. Miss Reynolds sang here just recently and is certainly worth hearing again. Robert

Johnson will sing tenor and Richard Schreiber will sing bass. All the soloists have had considerable experience in both concert and oratorio work.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE will hear a rather condensed version of a great work. Out of the original fifty-three parts of the work, twenty-two will be omitted. As written, the work is made up of three major sections. However, an intermission (with an offertory, of course) between part I and part II seriously disrupts the continuity and mood of the piece. With all the omissions and the unnecessary intermission, what one hears is not "Messiah" but the ghost of Handel screaming "Rape!!"

It is ironic that at the top of the program there is a very impressive and solemn statement which says: "In order that the continuity of the work be maintained, it is requested that the audience refrain from applause until the end of the program." I suppose that some people might even consider the statement optimistic.

WHATEVER THE reasons for the omissions, one is inexcusable musically. In part II, there are three choruses and a recitative that must be done in order without omissions. The first chorus is in f minor. The second chorus begins in f minor and ends with a beautiful half-cadence on the dom-



SCOT CUTTING

inant (C major). The third chorus begins in F major and ends in f minor. The recitative begins in b-flat minor. Thus we have a key scheme of F-C-F-B-flat. However, with the third chorus omitted, the key scheme becomes F-C-B-flat. Some may have to hear it before they can understand what I'm talking about. Just thinking about it hurts my ears. The chorus omitted is "All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray!" Even with it omitted one still gets the message.

Perhaps the strangest thing one will hear next Thursday night

involves both an addition and an omission. In the bass aria "Why Do The Nations So Furiously Rage?" the bass, after finishing the aria, will turn around and face the choir and repeat the first half over again. In doing so he is making it a da capo aria.

THIS ACTION supposedly stems from a performance which a King of England attended and was sitting behind the choir. So, to be respectful, the bass turned around and repeated the first half of the aria for the King.

Undoubtedly the bass lost both his job and his head, for the aria is not one to be sung to a ruler of a nation. I only found two sources that mention this aria with the idea that it is da capo. Both say that there is absolutely no evidence that it is da capo and that the real da capo is the chorus that immediately follows (and which will be immediately omitted next Thursday).

Though I hate to destroy a myth, "Messiah" is not a Christmas work. Most of it is concerned with Advent and Christ's life. Why not perform it in the summer? Also, why perform it every two years. There are many other good religious works. What's wrong with Bach's Christmas Oratorio?

One more point concerning next Thursday's performance: Great music is always greater than it can ever performed.

The Sandbox

Dear Mr. Kroodsma:

By John Nivala



While rummaging my way through the latest collection of "trash" to emerge from the anchor office, I was surprised to find a letter which categorically and ineptly attempted to tear down the entire anchor staff. Being a participant in the weekly dispersal of good news and campus disasters, and not regarding myself as being particularly warped, I felt moved in many directions, culminating in a violent attack of stomach cramps.

MR. KROODSMA'S letter was not only assinine, but it was also incoherent. I really wonder what he was trying to say. It would be easy enough to shake my head, laugh and pass his epistle off as the garbage it was. However, since he had the guts (if not the skill) to put his thoughts into print, he deserves an answer.

One of Mr. Kroodsma's discernable objections centered around the sports page. He felt that one should not write sports articles unless he has had some practical experience in athletics. If we continue this line of reasoning, Mr. Kroodsma should never have picked up his dull pencil, because he obviously has had no experience in clearly presenting his thoughts. One hopes that he will continue to pitch better than he writes.

THE FACT THAT Bob Vanderberg is not a "lettered" athlete does not necessarily mean that he is unqualified to state his views on the performance (or lack of it) of Hope's teams. Very

few of us know all the intricacies of automobile production, but we do have a general idea of what the finished product should look like. We also hold some expectations concerning the car's performance. If the machine does not fulfill our expectations, we would return it to the dealer and would expect some constructive action to be taken. Unfortunately, athletic teams do not come with a warranty.

Mr. Kroodsma also feels that our sports editor has been lax in his attendance at sports events. Tsk, tsk. How great are the errors of the uninformed. If our friendly correspondent had made the slightest effort to substantiate his charges, he would have discovered that Bob is one of the more faithful followers of our athletic fortunes. Considering what has happened so far this season, Bob deserves some praise for perseverance.

OUR VITRIOLIC critic allowed his venom to spread beyond the back pages of the anchor. The fact that the sports editor is not his kind of athlete and hence was not supposed to be opinionated was extended to the "knowledgeability" of the rest of the staff. He seems to feel that we are "diseased." Well, outside of a bad cold and a slight case of mono, we are not all that bad off. However, if Mr. Kroodsma is still unsatisfied, I'm sure we would be willing to undergo a blood test. That's apparently what he was after.

One of the many repeated slurs was that the staff members who are granted the right to present some personal comment on the joys of collegiate life are deliberately attempting to destroy the framework of this institution. Without delving into the stability of that framework, I would like to fill Mr. Kroodsma in on a very important point. If we didn't give a "tinker's damn" about this college, we would not expend the time and energy in trying to expose some of its failings, nor would we feel the need to agitate for some corrective actions. Just because we do not regard many institutions and concepts as sacrosanct does not necessarily mean we are disloyal. Well... seeing as how there usually is a time lag between national events and their impact on Hope College, it figures that we would have a junior Joe McCarthy rising up who regards criticism as heresy.

Mr. Kroodsma also made the statement that if we "find the words" to say that Hope College is "worthwhile or good," it would be the day that he "won't be here anymore." That sounds like a promise. Think about it. Would we spend the money to attend Hope if we did not believe that it is one of the best places to receive an education? It appears that the letter was written with lots of anger and little thought. It is a fact that the spleen is not located anywhere near the brain. One should remember that before he decides to air his complaints,

Jack Vaughn of Peace Corps To Lecture Friday Morning

Jack Vaughn, a national director of the Peace Corp, will be on the Hope College campus for a lecture and informal discussion next Friday morning.

Mr. Vaughn, who will arrive in Holland Thursday night, will meet with any interested students on Friday morning beginning at 9 in the President's Room in Graves Hall.

Mortar Board Compiles Facts On Grad Schools

A special service for juniors and seniors interested in graduate studies has been instituted by Mortar Board. Catalogs and other sources of information from over 90 graduate schools are available for student use in the library.

In addition, the individual departments at Hope have rated each graduate school within its area of interest, and these faculty recommendations have been compiled by Mortar Board.

At 10:30 he will deliver a lecture in Winants Auditorium. Dean for Academic Affairs William Vander Lugt has asked teachers to excuse from classes any student who wishes to attend. Classes will not be dismissed, however.

Hope College is just one stop on a tour which Mr. Vaughn is making of a number of colleges and universities in the Mid-West.

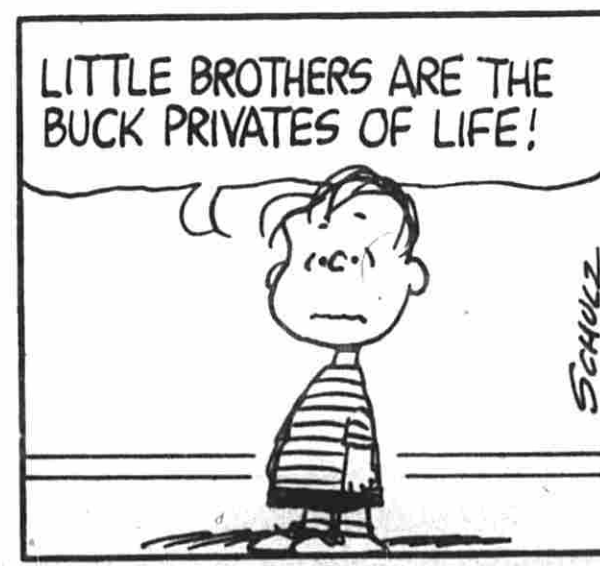
Mr. Vaughn has been national director of the Peace Corps since January, 1966, when he replaced Sargent Shriver. Previous to that he was regional director of the Peace Corps in Latin America.

He also held the post of United States Ambassador to Panama, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, and coordinator for the Alliance for Progress program.

Mr. Vaughn grew up in Albion, Mich. He won the Michigan Golden Gloves competition three times and fought 26 professional boxing matches before entering the foreign service.

The Best of Peanuts

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Enthusiastic About Future

Hope's Radio Station WTAS Experiences Difficulties

By Laura Mumford
anchor Reporter

The effectiveness of WTAS as a communications medium is under investigation by the Communications Board, according to Dr. David Marker, member of the board.

This action was taken when the value of WTAS in relation to its budget was questioned. The study will continue for three or four more weeks, and the committee will ultimately make a decision on the basis of polls and talks with WTAS personnel, explained Dr. Marker.

HE ADDED that although the results of the last poll have not been quantitatively tabulated, it appeared that WTAS is listened to by approximately half of the student body.

Because of the investigation, WTAS was asked to withhold its major expenses and to refrain from soliciting advertising. According to Mr. Clarence Handlogten's office, the station's budget has not been approved.

Despite the minimum funds, however, Jack Ligtenberg, station manager, felt that it will not affect the present programming of WTAS. He said that there are enough funds to maintain a full program each night. The station is able to purchase the top twenty popular songs and can add them

to their library of over 5,000 selections.

LIGTENBERG ADDED that WTAS can also continue its broadcasting of Associated Press news at 8 and 10 every night. However, he did state that because of the restricted funds, WTAS cannot broadcast news specials which it had hoped to do.

Although WTAS is able to retain its programs, the station is handicapped because it cannot solicit advertising, which is the station's only means of income. The only advertisements broadcast are public service announcements, said Elliot Meyers, advertising manager.

Meyers explained that if the budget is approved, there will be problems acquiring advertising contracts for this semester, as most businesses have already spent their budgets. He stated, however, that the businesses usually obtain new budgets in January, and advertising might be solicited for the second semester.

MEYERS HAS "high hopes" for his advertising campaign, particularly because his staff of ten people is larger than before. He also indicated that his department is much more organized. Businesses, he added, are favorable toward WTAS and have a small market from which to choose. Meyers anticipates no great dif-

ficulty in soliciting advertisements.

Although, as faculty advisor Frank Sherbourne said, WTAS is "slowed up" in some of its improvements and restricted in its expansion, the limited funds have not detracted from the quality of the station. Some improvements, Al Aardsma, technical manager explained, are not necessarily limited because of the budget. They involve, instead, more efficient use of what already is present and a definite organization of purposes for each department within the station.

One such improvement was complete rewiring over the summer to increase the versatility and efficiency of the station. Aardsma added that the facilities are now much more functional.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, some of which are still anticipated, are increasing student participation and student listening. According to Ralph Valentine, program guides will be distributed to every student when funds are available. Signs also are being placed around campus to make students aware of WTAS. Ligtenberg also hopes that once a better signal and reception is acquired, the attitude toward WTAS will improve.

Broadcasting tapes of student recitals, campus lectures and concerts will hopefully be new additions to WTAS programs, added Valentine. This would be possible, however, only if the equipment can be obtained. WTAS has already begun broadcasting Student Church services, as well as the Associated Press news and headline coverage.

Both Aardsma and Valentine indicated that WTAS tries to make itself adaptable to the students and to provide entertainment for all tastes. Valentine added that WTAS cannot specialize like WLS in Chicago, for instance.

Next semester auditions will be



WTAS - Miss Penny Morse is taking her shift on the nightly broadcast by WTAS, Hope College's radio station. The station which has faced numerous problems so far this year, most of them financial.

held for students wishing to become disc jockeys. He stressed that most students before auditioning have never talked into a mike before.

However, other equally important positions are available at WTAS. Valentine said that news writers, record librarians, advertising and public relations personnel also are needed. He added that much educational and practical experience can be acquired by working for WTAS.

THE QUESTION HAS arisen pertaining to the effect that an FM station on Hope's campus would have on WTAS. The common opinion of WTAS personnel is that it would not significantly affect WTAS, basically because the audience appeal would differ.

The proposed FM station is not affiliated, nor under the direction

of WTAS. No call letters have yet been assigned.

According to Dr. Ronald Beery of the physics department, the formal proposal of a Hope College FM station is being formulated by a sub-committee of the Administrative Committee. The idea of an FM station has been previously contemplated, but it has never been proposed.

THE PURPOSE OF the FM station would be to provide high quality programming, explained Dr. Beery. This programming would primarily consist of educational FM and classical music. The Administrative Committee would recommend that the station be operated by appropriate academic groups in the college, such as the speech and drama departments. The station would "not be student-run, although it would be student-working," added Dr. Beery.

The FM station would not be aimed at the college community, but would be broadcast throughout western Michigan and possibly parts of Wisconsin. Hope could then participate in the state educational network. It is proposed that the station broadcast through a fifty mile radius, from three to five hours a day.

SUCH A STATION would not require a large staff, explained Dr. Beery. A chief engineer with a first class license and other engineers with third class licenses would be needed. Faculty members and some students already meet these qualifications.

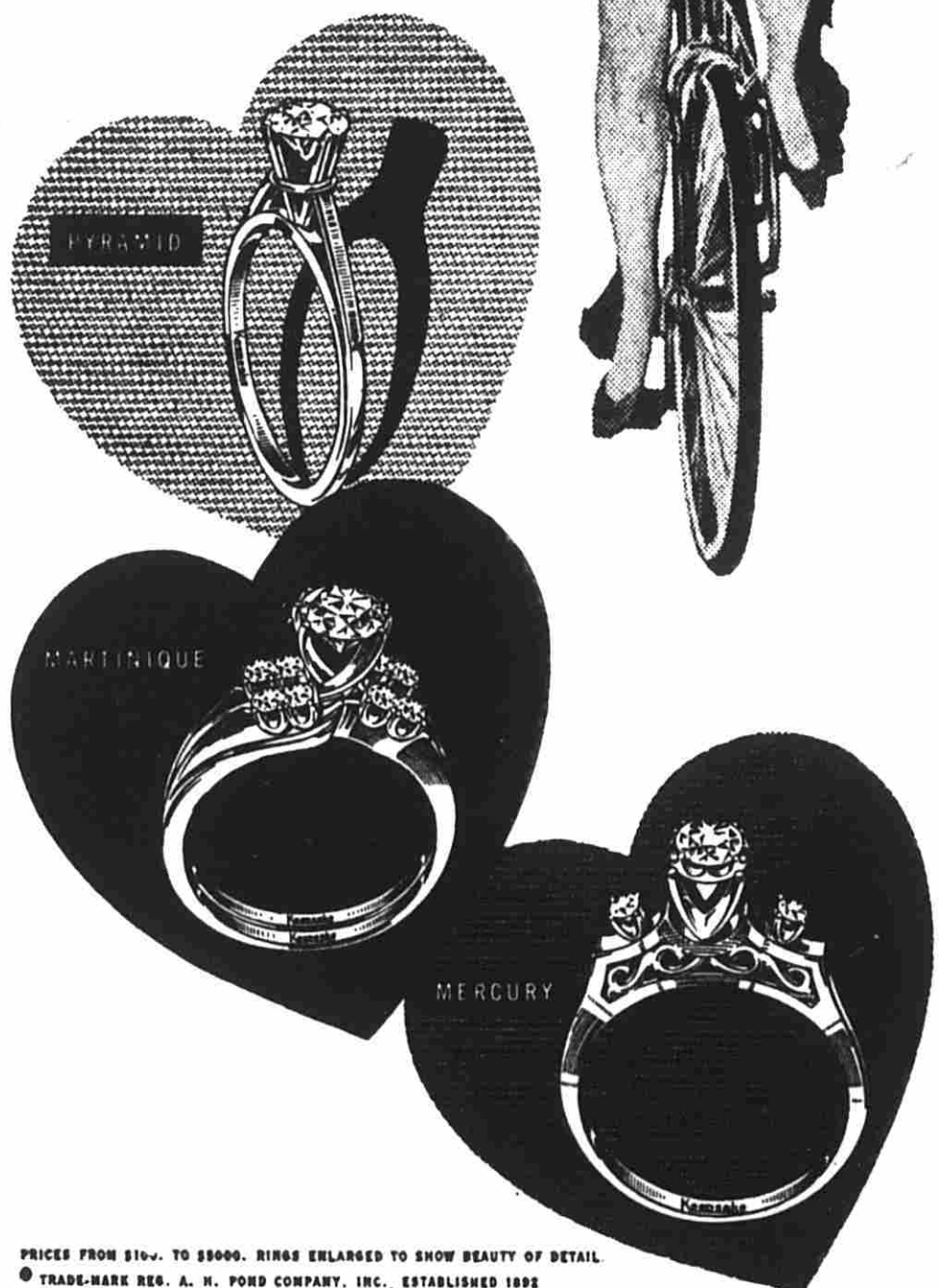
The proposed FM station would require a license from the FCC. This could not be applied for until the proposal is approved by the Administration. The money presently is not available for the undertaking, although Dr. Beery indicated that "a portion of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 provides the possibility of partial support of the establishment of educational FM facilities." The exact nature of the support is unknown, but from 50 per cent to 75 per cent of the cost may be provided.

Dr. Beery stressed that the FM proposal is only one of several proposals, all of which must be decided upon. He did say that the proposed FM station would be designed as economically as possible. He added that because of the time limit, if the opportunity to acquire an FM station is bypassed, then it might be nearly impossible ever to acquire one.

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Presbyterian Reformed?

RCA Studies Possible Merger

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series of articles by juniors Norman Mol and Ken Nienhuis dealing with the mechanics, significance and effects of the proposed merger between the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church of the United States. A forthcoming article will deal with the effect of this merger on Hope College.

By Norman Mol and
Ken Nienhuis

At present, the Reformed Church in America is facing the question of merger. It is a question that will be decided within the next two years and regardless of the outcome the effect on the denomination will be profound.

It is also a question that is hotly contested. At present no accurate prediction can be made as to which way the decision will go.

THE PROPOSED MERGER would be with the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS), commonly known as the Southern Presbyterian Church, and would result in the formation of the Presbyterian Reformed Church in America. In the light of present developments, it is possible that the first General Assembly of this group could meet in June of 1970. If all of this happens, it would mean that the RCA would be part of a union five times its present size and that it would have a national scope for the first time in its history.

The present chain of events goes back to June of 1961. At this time the General Synod of the RCA considered proposals from various groups within the church concerning mergers in several directions. These were studied during the following year. One of the proposals suggested merger with the PCUS.

In April of 1962 a meeting was held between representatives of both denominations at which plans were laid for a Joint Committee of Twenty-four which would be made up of twelve representatives from each group. This plan was approved by the Synod of 1962 and the committee went into action immediately. At the invitation of Dr. Irwin Lubbers, then President of Hope College and a member of the Joint Committee, a meeting was held at Hope in June, 1962.

THIS WAS THE first of a long series of meetings that has continued to the present. Progress has been gradual but definite. In 1965, the General Synod of the RCA and the General Assembly of the PCUS gave the Committee a directive "To prepare a plan of union for presentation no later than 1968." Since that time the Committee has prepared three draft documents that deal with government, worship, discipline, theology, witness and structure for the proposed church.

According to Dr. Bernard Brunsting, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Holland and a member of the Committee of Twenty-four, the final meeting of the Committee will be held in February of 1968. At this time the final draft of the plan of union will be made.

This plan of union will be presented to both the General Synod and the General Assembly in June of 1968. The two bodies will be meeting simultaneously but in different locations. If the plan is approved by these groups, (at the General Synod, this would require a majority vote), it will be referred to the presbyteries and the classes of the denominations for a vote. In the Reformed Church, a majority vote in two-thirds of the classes would be required for approval. In the Presbyterian Church, a majority vote in three-fourths of the presbyteries would be required. This voting would be done between June, 1968 and June, 1969.

IF APPROVED, the plan will go back to the ruling bodies for final enactment in June of 1969. A transitional commission, consisting of twelve members from each denomination would then take over and the machinery for merging the denominations as outlined in the plan of union would go into effect. Dr. Brunsting speculated that this procedure would take from two to three years. However, already in June of 1970, the General Assembly of the new church would meet as a single body.

To those in favor of merger, the issue is not a theological one. Rev. Herman Ridder, President of Western Theological Seminary, said that the advantage of the merger is generally a pragmatic one. The question that counts seems to be whether a merged church "can get the job done" better than two smaller independent denominations. Rev. Ridder thinks that this is probable because the merged church would be a large, national organization

REV. GARRET WILTERDINK of Western Seminary, giving another reason for merger, said that it would probably



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make possible the cutting of administrative costs.

In addition, Rev. Wilterdink noted that geographically the RCA and the PCUS would compliment each other well. The Reformed Church has 260,000 members and 934 churches located mostly in New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Illinois and California. The Presbyterian Church is about four times larger, having 951,000 members and 4,002 churches, the vast majority of which are concentrated below the Mason-Dixon Line.

The new denomination, according to Rev. Wilterdink, would therefore be a national organization, having churches in a far greater area of the country than either denomination has now. He said further that in a nation which has as mobile a population as the United States, a national church is almost a necessity if membership is to be conserved.

In addition, Dr. Brunsting said that merging would "demonstrate the oneness of the body of Christ." Rev. Charles Vander Beek of Holland's Rose Park Reformed Church went a step farther, viewing the churches as so close theologically and organizationally that merger is a "Biblical imperative."

ONE GROUP AGAINST merger is the Fellowship of the Concerned. Members of the Fellowship are generally from the Western Michigan churches.

Rev. Adrian Newhouse, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Zeeland and president of the group, has said that the goal of the Fellowship is to insure "a continuing Reformed Church."

The feeling of the group is that merger will lead to the eventual disregard of those values which have traditionally been regarded as essential to the Reformed Church. This is because the PCUS-RCA merger is viewed, according to Rev. Newhouse, as a probable "stepping stone to further mergers."

THIS FEELING HAS been kindled by the 1966 decision of the Southern Presbyterians to take part in the discussions of the Council on Church Union. The purpose of COCU is the eventual merger of the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches into one denomination.

The fear of eventual participation in COCU and the merger it proposes has turned a great number of Reformed churchmen against the PCUS-RCA merger. COCU participation to many would symbolize a willingness to sacrifice what are regarded as primary Reformed Church beliefs.

Rev. Gordon Van Oostenberg of Holland's Trinity Reformed Church, a former President of General Synod, is one who opposes merger because of the PCUS par-

ticipation in COCU. He said that the Southern Presbyterian action "shows the direction in which that church is going."

WHILE THIS HAS probably become the central argument against merger other factors have been brought forth. Rev. Newhouse said that in the past church unions have not tended to provide an increase in congregational giving or a greater mission effort. He also said that it remains to be proven whether or not organizational costs could be cut by merger.

Predictions concerning the fate of the proposed merger are varied. It is a common opinion that the plan of union will be approved by General Synod next spring.

However, the real test of the plan will come when it goes to the local level for approval. In a poll of 18 Reformed Church ministers in the Holland area only two felt that it would be passed. Both of these men were opposed to the merger. Many of those who favor the merger are not sure about what will happen. Seven of the 18 ministers felt that it would be defeated and the other nine were of the opinion that it is impossible to make any prediction. Most of these men feel that it will be very close and could go either way.

IT IS POSSIBLE to speculate on the politics of the situation. It is generally held that there is much support for the idea in the eastern areas of the church. Dr. Brunsting felt that it is very possible that all of the eastern classes would approve

the plan. If this happens, it would require approval from only seven of the classes in the rest of the denomination to meet the two-thirds requirement. Rev. Brunsting felt that this is possible but not certain.

An indication of opinion on the question can be obtained from the poll of Holland ministers. Of the 18 polled, eleven were opposed to the merger, five were in favor and two were undecided. The ministers who are opposed to the merger said that their churches backed them up in this position.

When it comes, the final decision will have very definite effects either way. Rev. Van Oostenburg said that if there is no merger, there are churches that would leave the denomination and become affiliated with one of the Presbyterian denominations. How many there would be is hard to say but they would probably come from the eastern areas of the church.

REV. NEWHOUSE also affirmed this. He said that both sides agree that there will be some split over merger no matter which way it goes.

On the other hand, if the merger takes place, there is evidence that it will not be accepted calmly. Many of the members of the Fellowship of the Concerned were reluctant to talk about this possibility because they wish to stress the fact that they are going to try to keep the merger from taking place. However, if it happens, many feel that they would be obligated by conviction to vote to get out. Rev. Newhouse, in speaking about the possibility of secession for his congregation, said, "I would think that we would undoubtedly be one."

Of the Holland area ministers who were polled, five said that they would probably lead their churches in leaving the merger. Many factors enter this decision. The procedure for seceding would be slow and difficult. All churches are legally required to follow the denomination into the merger. However, the present draft of the plan of union leaves room for a congregation to vote to get out after a period of one year. People who are against the merger do not like this one year clause. Rev. Newhouse stated that "it would dull the thinking of local churches on the critical issues."

ANOTHER FACTOR seceding churches would face is the possibility of finding themselves isolated and helpless when they leave. Some ministers would try to get out only if they were sure that there would be a sizeable group going with them.

Not everyone who is against the merger would try to get out. Eleven of the Holland area ministers said they would stay even though only five were actually in favor of merger.

Dr. Brunsting, stressing that the threat of secession has been overemphasized, said, "I don't think any split will occur." He went on to say that if the union does take place, churches will find out during the one year waiting period that the effects of merger are not as offensive as would be initially expected. Rev. Van Oostenburg also felt that if split occurs, it would not be great. His reasons were that the problems of going it alone with only a small group of churches and no seminary would be too great.

CHURCHES COULD get around this by joining another group such as the Christian Reformed Church or the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. However, this group would probably be small.

It is probable that not much split will occur unless interest can be sustained over the one year period and then only if a sizeable group would move out together.

Readers Speak Out . . .

Letters to the Editor

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ENOUGH DEFENSIVE talk. We do need teaching help in sociology. It is interesting that each of the social sciences named in your article needs a "boost" in the theory of its field. Interesting also is the fact that the social sciences have lately come to the curriculum of the college. In the mid-to-late 1940's Dr. Van Saun taught courses in sociology, psychology and philosophy in the same semester.

Last year about 50 people were contacted about a teaching job in sociology. Five were qualified for departmental chairman. Two were out of our price range. One took another job. The one who was offered the highest salary any Hope professor would have been receiving was already receiving the same salary for teaching five hours a week. The fifth one we were not inter-

ested in. Sociology teachers are in short supply.

YOU SEE, my friends and Hope's future alums, Hope's financial problem is currently yours and will extend into your future. The problem is larger than charges or countercharges will solve - bigger than excuses and buck-passing will cover. I have the hunch the imaginative, creative energy that produced a Student Church, a Higher Horizon, a Christmas Vesper, a Philadelphia Project and an academic reputation as bright today as in any yesterday could "brainstorm" a series of solutions. This campus is blessed with students of energy, faculty of quality and Administration of concern. If we will get together, we are equal to the task. Think we will?

Robert Vanderham



REBOUND—Floyd Brady (33) and an unidentified Aquinas player fight for a rebound in last Wednesday's game. Hope defeated Aquinas, 109-93, for its first win in two starts.

Hope Defeats Aquinas, 109-93, In Second Game of the Season

Displaying outstanding scoring power, Hope's Flying Dutchmen rolled to a convincing 109-93 victory over the Aquinas College Tommies Wednesday night at West Catholic High gym in Grand Rapids.

Once again, Hope's senior sensation, Floyd Brady, broke the 30-point mark, as he tallied 10 field goals and hit twelve of 14 free throw attempts for 32 points. Thus, Brady has a two-game total of 65 points.

BARRY SCHREIBER, freshman whiz, nailed down a starting forward job with a 21-point performance. Guard Bruce McCreary, held to four tallies in the first half, broke loose in the final 20 minutes for 15 to finish with 19 points. McCreary's backcourt partner, senior Gary Rypma, scored 16, including eleven in the second half.

The Dutchmen moved out to an early 14-4 lead and stretched that margin to 22-9 at the 10-minute mark. At this point, Brady led the way with eleven tallies. With eight minutes remaining, Hope held a comfortable 30-15 lead. The outclassed Tommies managed to close the gap somewhat to 46-34 at the halftime buzzer.

Leading all scorers at intermission was Brady with 17, with

Aquinas' 6-4 center Denny Patterson close behind with 16.

THE TOMMIES threw a tough full-court press at the Dutch at the outset of the second half, causing several Hope miscues and bringing Aquinas back into the game, 51-45. Two quick baskets by Tommie guard Paul Jagels made the score 56-52, but that was as close as Aquinas got. Regaining their poise, the Dutch began to pull away with Schreiber and Brady hitting clutch baskets.

McCreary fired in two in a row from 15 feet to give Hope an eleven-point lead, 70-59. With five minutes to go, McCreary popped in another and the scoreboard read 97-78. Rypma's two charity tosses sent the Dutch over the magic century mark and into a 101-86 lead.

After shooting 39 per cent from the floor in the first half, Hope picked up somewhat in the next stanza to finish at 43 per cent. Also, the Dutch connected on 21 of 27 free throws for 78 per cent.

LEADING THE TOMMIES in scoring was Jagels with 24 points and Patterson with 22.

In the preliminary contest, the Hope freshmen won their season opener by a 82-71 score. Darryl Hillebrands led Hope with 17 points, while Bobby Blanton had 15 and Randy Adolphs twelve.

Review of the News

Chicago

At a Chicago ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the first controlled nuclear chain reaction, President Lyndon Johnson offered to open to inspection all American nuclear facilities except those "with a direct national defense significance." President Johnson's offer was designed presumably to promote acceptance of the treaty against the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Washington, D.C.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy announced that he will oppose President Johnson as an anti-war candidate in four to six Democratic presidential primaries next year.

Out of concern that the Administration apparently had set no limit on the price it would pay for military victory in Vietnam, Sen. McCarthy will enter the Democratic primaries in Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oregon, California and Massachusetts.

New York City

As a part of "Stop the Draft Week" demonstrations, orga-

nized across the nation, demonstrations in New York City were unsuccessful in forcing the closing of a New York induction center. Arrests totalled 264 during the week, including pediatrician Benjamin Spock and poet Allan Ginsburg. Sponsors had hoped to attract five thousand protesters to the armed forces center.

South Africa

A Capetown hospital reported the world's first successful human heart transplant from a young woman killed in an automobile accident to a man dying of a damaged heart. After four days, Louis Washkansky's surgeon predicted that his patient would win his uphill battle to live a normal life with the transplanted heart.

New York City

Francis Cardinal Spellman, spiritual leader of two million Roman Catholics in the New York Archdiocese and a churchman known throughout the world, died this week at the age of seventy-eight, of a stroke in New York.

Spoils Opener

Valparaiso Downs Hope, 79-61

By Bob Vanderberg
anchor Sports Editor

Valparaiso's Crusaders, the nation's thirteenth best small college cage team according to one wire service poll, shot at a fantastic 66 per cent clip from the floor in the second half Saturday night, spoiling Hope's season opener 79-61.

The Flying Dutchmen, led by forward Floyd Brady's 19 points, led at halftime by a 30-29 score. In fact, the 6-3 senior from Chicago scored ten of his team's first eleven points as the Dutch grabbed an 11-10 edge with 11:24 to play in the half. Freshman Barry Schreiber, getting the nod by Coach

Russ DeVette at the vacant forward spot, clicked on a driving lay-up with 6:48 remaining to give Hope their largest lead, 21-14.

THE COLD-SHOOTING Crusaders finally got rolling, with high-scoring guard Dick Jones' three-point play cutting Hope's advantage to 26-25 with two minutes to go. All told, Valpo connected on only 27 per cent of its field goal attempts in the first half.

After the intermission, Valpo quickly took over control of the contest. After taking a 31-30 lead on Jones' lay-up, the Crusaders raced to a 37-30 advantage by

turning three Bruce McCreary errors into three quick and easy baskets.

The Dutchmen stayed within four points of the taller Crusaders for the next eight minutes, but three straight buckets by Valpo made the score 52-42. Sparking the rally was sophomore guard Bruce Linder.

APPEARING IN a Hope uniform for the first time since March, 1966, forward Tom Pelon scored on a lay-up and a tip-in to close the gap to 58-50 with 8:15 to play. However, led by the outside shooting of Linder and Jones Valpo began to pull away.

Hitting 24 of 36 second half field goal tries, Valparaiso finished with a shooting percentage of 46 per cent. Meanwhile, the Dutch hit 25 of 55 for 45 per cent. Hope recovered more rebounds than the Crusaders, 31-22, with Brady pulling down 14.

Brady also led all scorers with 33 points. Gary Rypma put in 10 and Schreiber and McCreary five each for Hope.

Third Wrestling Season Begins With New Coach

Starting its third varsity season, the Hope College wrestling team, coached by George Kraft in his first year of coaching at Hope, is looking toward a season of building.

This will be the grapplers first season under Coach Kraft's guidance, and in fact is the first forward-looking wrestling pro-

gram in its history. Mr. Kraft pointed out that the last two seasons were one-shot affairs while this is to be the start of a continuous wrestling effort.

The first step toward this goal is the establishment of practice facilities in the basement of Kollen Hall, eliminating the need for using the West Ottawa High School gym, as has been done in the past.

The team's stalwarts for this season are expected to be Rick Vandenberg, at 167 pounds, who posted a 7-2 record as a freshman, Keith Van Tubergen in the heavy weight class and Karl Naldosky at 152 pounds.

The squad is rounded out by George Avery at 160, Bill Cook, a returning letterman at 145, Tim De Voogd at 123, Robert Garmirian at 137, Carl Rauwerdink at 167, and Tom Vickrey at 160. Due to an ineligibility, the 130 pound class is open and will probably have to be forfeited.

The grapplers meet four MIAA foes this year in Olivet, Adrian, Kalamazoo, and Albion. Calvin will not be competing this year due to the decision to drop their wrestling team. The team will open this coming Saturday, meeting Grand Rapids Junior College on the J.C.'s home mat.

Seminary Tops In Intramural Football League

The Seminarians took top honors as the rain-soaked 1967 interfraternity football season came to a close last week.

The Seminarians compiled a 6-0-1 record in their first season of competition. They were followed closely by the Arkies and Fraters, 5-0-2, and 5-1-1 respectively.

In the golf tournament, the Cosmos came out on top, with captain Dale Grit leading the way with an 82. Following close behind were the Arkies, Fraters, and Emmies. The Knicks and Centurians were not represented.

Hoopsters Will Face Concordia Saturday Night

Concordia College of River Forest, Ill., will field a veteran quintet tomorrow night when it faces Hope in the Dutchmen's home opener at the Civic Center.

Coach Faszholz has five lettermen returning from last year's squad which won 13 of its final 15 games after winning only two of its first six contests. One of those early losses came at the hands of the Hope eagles, by a 77-76 score.

Last year's starting guards, senior Bob Karsten and junior Chuck Bjerregard, are counted on to handle the backcourt chores again this season. Dick Craven, a 6-4 senior, will start at one forward, with junior transfer Roger Burgdorf at the other.

Tom Ruppert, who was second in the nation last season in rebounding with 23 per game, graduated in June, taking his 18-point average with him. Consequently, Concordia may be weakened at the pivot. However, Coach Faszholz is hoping that 6-6 junior Dave Wild can step in and fill Ruppert's shoes adequately.

While Hope was losing to Valparaiso last Saturday night, Concordia was crushing Principia College, 107-71. The Dutch will be hoping for their second straight win of the season.

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